

that economic or social effects are not intended by themselves to require preparation of an environmental impact statement. When an environmental impact statement is prepared and economic or social and natural or physical environmental effects are interrelated, then the environmental impact statement will discuss all of these effects on the human environment.

**Implementing decision.** For this term, as elsewhere in the text of the procedures, the phrase, "implement and adopt," is revised by removing the phrase "and adopt." This is done to clarify that the Responsible Official is the person who makes an implementing decision. The Board of Trustees reserves the authority to adopt or amend strategic guidance.

**Purpose and need.** The phrase "and the goal(s) sought" is added to the end of the meaning of "purpose and need". This addition is intended to clarify that the concise explanation of why a stewardship action is being proposed should include the identification of the one or more goals sought by proposing a stewardship action.

**Responsible Official.** Several reviewers commented that the meaning of the term was unclear in the proposed procedures. The term is rewritten to read, "Responsible Official" means the Executive Director of the Trust and, consistent with delegated authority, the Preserve Manager and other Preserve staff, or the Chair of the Board of Trustees if specifically designated by the Board of Trustees. This change in the meaning of the term is intended to clarify that the person responsible for a stewardship action is the Executive Director of the Trust or staff operating within their delegated authorities. Also, if the Board of Trustees chooses to propose a stewardship action and, after appropriate environmental review and documentation, make an implementing decision, then they must specifically designate the Chair of the Board as the Responsible Official for purposes of the stewardship action under consideration.

**Stewardship action.** The term is rewritten to read, "Stewardship action" means an activity or group of activities consisting of at least one goal, objective, and performance requirement proposed or implemented by the Responsible Official that may:

- (1) Guide or prescribe alternative uses of the Preserve upon which future implementing decisions will be based; or
- (2) Utilize or manage the resources of the Preserve.

This revision of the meaning of the term is made to clarify that only the

Responsible Official may propose a stewardship action. Several reviewers discussed confusion regarding the identification of the Responsible Official and his or her role in proposing, evaluating, or implementing a stewardship action. In the proposed procedures, the Board of Trustees could also propose and adopt a stewardship action. As described above in the meaning of "Responsible Official", if the Board of Trustees chooses to propose a Stewardship action, the Board may do so only by specifically designating the Chair of the Board as the Responsible Official.

**Stewardship register.** The phrase, "including applicable environmental documents" is added to the meaning of "stewardship register". The term "and appended" is removed here and elsewhere in the text of the procedures. This change is made to clarify that the appropriate environmental documents should be included with the stewardship register rather than appended. The stewardship register is to be integrated with the appropriate environmental document. A reviewer would expect to see a stewardship register along with its associated environmental documents. As noted in the text for the sample stewardship register in Exhibit I, if an environmental document is not associated with a stewardship action, the stewardship register must identify the applicable category for exclusion of such a document.

**Strategic guidance.** This term is modified from the proposed procedures by the elimination of (c), "one or more stewardship actions." This change is made to clarify, as described above regarding stewardship actions, that only the Responsible Office may propose or implement a stewardship action. Item (b) is improved by specifying that the Trust may direct the Responsible Official to consider one or more stewardship actions or an administrative matter related to the operation of the Preserve. From the comments of reviews, it appeared that the proposed procedures were confusing regarding the role of the Board of Trustees in directing that a particular stewardship action should undergo consideration by the Responsible Official. This change in the text is intended to clarify the roles of the Board of Trustees and the Responsible Official.

**Summary of Monitored Outcomes.** This term is replaced with the term "State of the Preserve" to better communicate the meaning of the evaluations that are anticipated to take place prior to removing, amending, continuing, or adopting one or more of

the goals of strategic guidance. The role of the Board of Trustees in establishing strategic guidance is clarified in the language describing the comprehensive management of the Preserve in section 101.10.

**101.3 Overall Procedures.** In paragraphs (a) to (e) of this section, the overall procedures for integrating NEPA within the planning and decisionmaking of the Trust are presented. Paragraph (a) points out that comprehensive management of the Preserve is achieved through strategic guidance adopted by the Board and through the selection and implementation of appropriate stewardship actions. As described in section 101.2, Terminology, stewardship actions may be site-specific actions as well as broader, planning-related goals, objectives, and performance requirements that set the stage for future implementing decisions. It is the intent of the Trust to maintain open and collaborative working relationships with all government and private parties interested in the Preserve. Positive working relationships are envisioned during the consideration, implementation, and monitoring of stewardship actions. The paragraph concludes with a statement that the information regarding a stewardship action is available to the public in accordance with applicable law.

Paragraph (b) establishes a standard that a clear statement of the purpose and need for each stewardship action must accompany the proposal for action by the Responsible Official. The term "consistent with strategic guidance" is added to the requirements of the purpose and need statement. The addition of this term is intended to ensure that each proposed stewardship action conforms to the strategic guidance established by the Board of Trustees. Each proposed stewardship action must have a clear explanation of why it is necessary. In addition, a proposed stewardship action must be consistent with the identified goals sought through its implementation.

Paragraph (c) states that the Responsible Official, based on public comments or other reasons, may prepare an environmental document to improve understanding of a proposal prior to making an implementing decision. For many stewardship actions, an environmental document is required. The requirements related to the evaluation of stewardship actions and the preparation of the appropriate environmental documents are described in section 101.5.

It is stated in paragraph (c) that the outcomes of implemented stewardship